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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/15/08	03/08/08
Broiler/fryer	166,846	170,642
Light hens	1,089	1,401
Heavy hens	1,530	1,472

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

	WEEK	ENDING 01-Mar-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	378	8	386
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	126	0	126
Same week yr ago	283	0	283
To-date/2008	2,488	12	2,500
To-date/2007	1,908	14	1,922

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,787	1,550	3,337
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,330	1,546	2,876
Same week yr ago	1,368	1,465	2,833
To-date/2008	14,876	13,331	28,207
To-date/2007	11,728	12,381	24,109

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	164,514	1,353	1,475	2,828
Avg Wt	5.52	3.20	8.05	5.73
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,910	1,409	1,542	2,951
Same wk yr ago	161,346	1,182	1,356	2,538
Avg Wt	5.43	3.16	7.76	5.62
To-date/2008	1,625,103	13,741	14,794	28,535
To-date/2007	1,557,568	11,002	13,723	24,725

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.5 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-08

	(A) 4.25 lbs	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	
	4.25 IDS & down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	% up	Total
Head	43,635	81,639	22,844	16,396	164,514
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.49	6.90	8.33	5.52
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Last week	45,295	78,836	26,178	15,601	165,910
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.24	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	16%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,052	84,393	25,023	10,878	161,346
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.94	8.37	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
To date/2008	436,111	780,371	241,492	167,129	
To date/2007	424,800	825,808	190,890	116,070	1,557,568

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B	,	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,822	2,876	23	6	4,727
Avg Wt	16.37	38.25	24.62	31.35	29.74
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,949	2,816	8	4	4,777
Same wk yr ago	1,801	2,670	22	4	4,497
Avg Wt	16.66	37.21	25.21	28.65	29.78
To-date/2008	18,554	27,740	139	79	46,512
To-date/2007	17,725	24,948	141	44	42,858

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.